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Letter dated 1 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith a letter from Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt, proposing the convening of a special session of the General Assembly at the earliest possible date, to examine and adopt an action plan for cooperation against terrorism (see annex).

The delegation of Egypt will be presenting a detailed working paper on this issue following the issuance of the present letter as a document of the General Assembly under item 109 of the provisional agenda.

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You will recall that Egypt took the initiative in 1999 to draw the attention of the international community to the seriousness of the danger posed by terrorism and to the need of formulating a collective response through the United Nations system. As we approach the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly, it is clear that no issue has gathered a magnitude of interest like the question of terrorism and its repercussions on international peace and security.

In view of the dramatic increase in incidents of terrorism throughout the world since 1999, Egypt believes that it has become a priority to intensify the ongoing efforts of combating terrorism within the United Nations. Different responses on the national and regional levels, and at the level of the United Nations, reflect a plethora of plans and strategies to deal actively and rigorously with this scourge, but there remains a dire need to set up an action plan within the United Nations, with both legal and procedural aspects, that would guarantee an active international cooperation to achieve our common aspiration of eliminating terrorism.

With this in mind, Egypt proposes the convening of a special session of the General Assembly to examine and adopt an action plan for cooperation against terrorism at the earliest possible date.

The Egyptian delegation will present to the sixtieth session of the General Assembly a working paper that will include, inter alia, the conceptual framework for the proposed action plan in addition to several ideas on its operationalization, through suggesting a number of paragraphs to be included in a General Assembly resolution entitled "Measures to combat international terrorism".

In view of the significance of this issue, I would appreciate the circulation of the present letter as a document of the High-level Plenary meeting as well as of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly.

(*Signed*) Ahmed **Aboul Gheit**
Minister for Foreign Affairs